

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE MARCH 19, 2013
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Doll, Trustees Kehoe, and McMullen Village Clerk Donna Koch, Village Administrator Gene Guido, Village Attorney James Matthews, Officer in Charge Bill Ricca.

Absent: Trustee Tobin, Trustee Maline

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

PRESENTATIONS: no presentations

PUBLIC HEARINGS: No Public Hearings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Several members of the Northport American Legion Hall were present to discuss the Cow Harbor Warriors. Spokesman, John Cooney, stating that they wanted to clarify some issues they have with the Cow Harbor Warriors, (CHW) first the American Legion has never requested a single dollar from the CHWs, in fact we have refused. Until there is a full accounting of funds that is raised in the name of our wounded veterans neither we nor any other organizations should except any monies that should be with the veterans and their families right now. For the past two months we have been recommending that the permits to the CHW be denied. Over the last two months the CHW still have not produced an accounting of any funds in the form of bank statements checks and invoices and their story continues to change. At this time they have changed their mission statement and are no longer affiliated with the Wounded Warrior National Organization. The CHW have asked who the legion is to question their motives, I personally am a Marine Core Officer as well as a Combat Veteran All the men sitting here tonight has served their country, we have every right to demand an accounting of funds raised by a non-profit, not of a Veterans organization, in the name of our wounded brother and sisters. They can refuse an accounting but however it is our opinion that if an accounting cannot be provided to a Veterans organization that has served this community for the past 92 years, then they have no right to ever raise money in the name of Veterans or for any other purpose. We believe that this is enough to deny their permits.

Mayor Doll made the following statement: unfortunately there are no CHW people here tonight. It was not on our agenda, so it's not their fault no one here. Two weeks ago they were here and I requested their intentions in writing and I have not received any

thing to date. The Veterans in this room tonight have fought in wars before I was born, you've fought in every war since then, including Iraq and Afghanistan, I respect and admire your service to our country and your commitment to supporting and volunteering to Veterans programs and if you men feel that something isn't quite right then I pay close attention. For the past few months I have patiently waited for the CHWs, Post 694, and the Veterans Advisory Board to come to some kind of common ground. It doesn't seem like that's going to happen. I know in the Village there are 250 men and women receiving Veterans Exemptions. In Suffolk County we have approximately 4500 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans. The suicide rate for PTSD affected Veterans is staggering some have sought help at the Northport VA Hospital only to be told they are full. I just think how that \$80,000 might have helped even one of them. At this point I'm not inclined to issue a permit to collect money locally and send it to another part of the country when that money is needed right here.

Trustee McMullen questioned if the Village could take a vote on this tonight? The Mayor stated the proper thing to do is out it on the next agenda and vote on it then.

Trustee Kehoe stated that the Board stands behind the legion and the legion has every right to question the actions of the CHWs.

Trustee McMullen, stated in his opinion he would like to see money raised here stay here.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 62,339.37

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 24,684.34

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$3,256.13

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$8,865.97

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$ 4,042.56

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$ 7,852.56

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Fire Department in the amount of \$ 5,342.99

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Trustee McMullen reported that the parks department is planning on re landscaping the WW II memorial at the corner of Main and Church streets.

Trustee Kehoe reported there is a resolution on the agenda to promote Thomas Endee to Police Sergeant. The Village continues to look into hiring a Police Officer. It is a long process.

Mayor Doll reported the Highway continues to deal with snow.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Officer in Charge Bill Ricca gave the Police report stating the department had responded to 359 calls for service, 98 summonses and 14 arrests. Sergeant Ricca gave a short update on local gangs, stating the department has had training in recognizing the different (colors, markings) gangs. The Department has been pro active with the gangs as well as narcotics.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Guido had nothing to report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

REQUESTS: No requests.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was put on hold until the April 2, 2013 meeting.

RESOLUTION 2013 ~ 20 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 5, 2013 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the February 19, 2013, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012- 21 ~ SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: Effective April 1, 2013, the following seasonal employees are hereby approved.

Beach/Dock Manager:

PJ Vassalo \$13.50/hr

Dockmaster:
Liz Schinella \$10.00/hr

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved

RESOLUTION 2013 ~21 SALARY INCREASES

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Clerk, Deputy Village Clerk, Treasurer Deputy Treasurer, Village Administrator, and all other full and part-time employees none of whom are members of any bargaining unit that is party to a bargaining agreement with the Village shall hereby receive a salary increase of \$1.00 per hour effective April 1, 2012 and a salary increase of 2.5% effective April 1, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following resolution was unanimously approved

RESOLUTION 2013 –22 PLANS EXAMINER

BE IT RESOLVED: John Maloy of Rowena Lane, East Northport is hereby hired as part time (not to exceed 17 ½ hrs weekly) Plans Examiner (assistant to the Administrator) at a rate of \$22.00/hr.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved

RESOLUTION 2013 - 23 ~ SERGEANT APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: Thomas Endee be and hereby is appointed to full time position as Sergeant in the Northport Police Department effective March 24, 2013 at the annual salary and other conditions and benefits of employment, pursuant to the Collective Bargaining agreement between the Village of Northport and the Northport Police Department Benevolent Association.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the Organizational meeting on April 2nd, 2013 at 6:00 P.M

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: if necessary, for personnel and/or litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch

Village Clerk

